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DEPT PASS TO UNDERSECRETARY NEWSOM

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: ASEC, PINS
SUBJECT: MONTONERO PACKET FOR UNDERSECRETARY NEWSOM

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3244

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL 1. EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S OFFICE A "PRESENTATION" BY THE MONTONERO PARTY PRESS SECRETARIAT ADDRESSED TO MR. NEWSOM AND DATED 5/24/78. THE PACKET, NEATLY PUT TOGETHER IN A PLASTIC FOLDER WITH MR. NEWSOM'S NAME TYPED ON THE COVER, INCLUDES A COVER LETTER FROM ONE "J. SALVATIERRA" OF THE MONTONERO PARTY; AN EIGHT PAGE LETTER DATED APRIL 10, AND FOUR PAGES OF DIAGRAMS OF THE NAVY MECHANICAL SCHOOL FROM ONE "HORACIO DOMINGO MAGGIO," A MONTONERO MILITANT; AND A SIX PAGE TRANSCRIPT OF A CONVERSATION HELD ON APRIL 27 BETWEEN MAGGIO AND ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER RICHARD BOUDREAUX. THE PACKET WAS HAND-DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY IN A HAND ADDRESSED PLAIN BROWN ENVELOPE BY A YOUNG WOMAN. THE RETURN ADDRESS IN THE CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES PROVED NON-EXISTENT. A SIMILAR PACKET WAS RECEIVED BY THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 1.

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2. THE MAGGIO LETTER IS A TYPED TRANSCRIPT OF HAND-WRITTEN LETTERS MAGGIO SENT TO A NUMBER OF EMBASSIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MID-APRIL (REFTEL). THE LETTERS AND TRANSCRIPT VARIED SOMEWHAT. ONE NOTABLE ADDITION TO THE TRANSCRIBED LETTER WAS A PARAGRAPH CONCERNING SOME "VISITORS" TO THE NAVY MECHANICAL SCHOOL INSTALLATIONS: MASSERA, WHO WAS KNOWN BY THE NAME "EL NEGRO" OR "COARA;" FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES, DEPUTY MINISTER CAPTAIN GUALTER ALLARA, COL. ROALDES AND "OTHERS WHO BY THEIR UNIFORMS APPEARED TO BE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS."

3. RICHARD BOUDREAUX OF AP HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE TRANSCRIPT OF HIS INTERVIEW CORRESPONDS WITH THE SECOND PART OF THE CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH THE ALLEGED MAGGIO. HE KNEW THE INTERVIEW WAS BEING TAPED AT THE TIME. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT AN ACCOUNT OF THE BOUDREAUX INTERVIEW APPEARED IN LE MONDE ON MAY 26. BOUDREAUX TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE PUBLICATION OF THE INTERVIEW SINCE HE UNDERSTANDS IT HAS BEEN WIDELY KNOWN PREVIOUSLY WITHOUT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST HIM. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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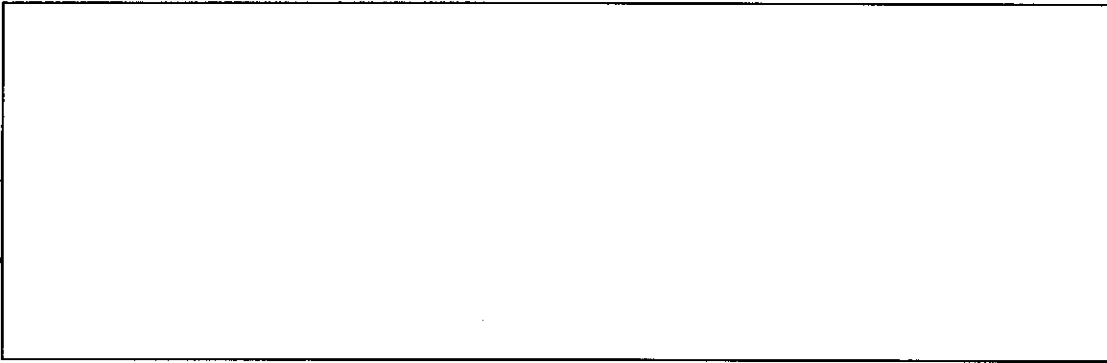
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